



Head Start hosts bingo night



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The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start drew a crowd for family bingo night in its gymnasium on Jan. 26. Prizes included DVDs and gift certificates to local businesses.

PRCLC graduates



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The Pine River Community Learning Center celebrated its latest batch of GED program graduates with a graduation ceremony. Pictured left to right are, Anthony Holt, Jamie Brown, Karak Burgos, Raina Criddle, Thomas Gurule and Ricardo Rivera were among those honored at the SunUte Community Center on Jan. 26. Student services coordinator Cecilia Robbins (left) and President of Board of Director Ronnie Baker (right) awarded graduate Ricardo Rivera with his certificate.

The list of honorees included: *Victoria Abendroth, *Jamie Brown, *Karak Burgos, Raina Criddle, Thomas Gurule, Chris Harrison, Tiffany Howe, *Anthony Holt, Travis Kassel, *Ricardo Rivera, *Amanda Robinette, *Paul Tahlo and *Joshua Walcott.

The *indicates that the graduate earned a high enough score on the GED test battery to be inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: March 2, April 6 and May 4. The test is held at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

Education Dept. Community Classes for February and April

- **Easy Valentine Gifts Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Workshop will consist of two parts. **Card Making** – participants will make valentine cards, using fancy papers, stickers, stamps, inks, chalks, gemstones, cut outs, and will learn to texture your paper using the crit-cut tool. **Easy Gift** – participants will make and decorate easy cut-out cookies, and easy candies.
 - **Women's High-Top Moccasin Class: March 1, 8, 15, 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Get ready to Bear Dance! This is a 4 part class, participants must be dedicated to attend all four classes, and to finish their project. We will provide the leather, you will provide the beads and beading supplies. Space is limited, participants must be at least 15 years old. Participants will learn how to measure and make the pattern, cut out pattern develop and bead a design.
 - **Dress and Ribbon Shirt Workshop: Saturday April 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Participants will learn to measure, cut out and sew a simple ribbon dress, or a ribbon shirt. Participants will receive the material and the ribbons to complete your project. Participants must know how to operate a sewing machine and have basic sewing skills.
- For more information, and to sign up, call Luana Herrera at the Department of Education 970-563-0237.

Bobcats of the month



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These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for January for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Aleah Abeyta, Cameron Doyebi, Ethan Richards, Adilyne Tallbird, Gracelynn Thompson and Lexy Young.

Southern Ute Education Department
Southern Ute tribal students of the month

Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



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Julian White
“Snowboy” *nava-apachi*
1st grade, Ignacio Elementary School
Parents: Father Dwain White, mother Agatha Bison, maternal grandmother Beulah Kent, paternal grandmother Martha Beaver.
“I feel art, reading and math are my strongest subject in school.”
Julian’s hobbies include playing video games, painting, playing with cousins and traveling to powwow or just traveling.
“I want to be a cop when I grow up.”
Teacher comment: He is a sharp learner. Takes in everything that is taught and uses it to help him with all his work.

Isabelle Estrellita Pena
4th grade, Ignacio Intermediate School
Parents: Kenneth and Shasta Pena; grandparents Dave and Beth Martinez; Josph and Esther Pena.
“I feel reading is my strongest subject in school.”
Isabelle’s hobbies include tetherball, basketball, volleyball and swimming.
“I want to be a WNBA player when I grow up.”
Isabelle is an outstanding student. Her 4th grade teachers uses the adjective ‘perfect’ to describe Isabelle as a student. Isabelle is polite and cheerful, plus a responsible girl, which makes her enjoyable to work with.